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TOPIC Soviet Troop Movements and Exercises at Klosterneuburg and Bruck an der Leitha

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- 25X1A 1. Soviet Troops were observed entraining at the Klosterneuburg (O 49/S 30) freight yard on 18 February 1952. Four flatcars carrying T-34 tanks stood on a side track of the station, while 60 to 70 soldiers were loading motor vehicles, the doors of which bore white artillery insignia. Between 12 and 16 motor vehicles were loaded by the time of observation, while 5 or 6 other vehicles were ready to be loaded. Some of the vehicles carried 82-mm mortars.

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- 25X1A 2. A train without an engine, observed at the railroad station of Bruck (P 49/X 77) an der Leitha on 12 February, carried 6 tanks, 1 SP gun, 6 AT guns of about 50 mm, and 20 to 25 trucks.

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3. Only guards, but no troop units, were noticed in Camp Apetlon (P 48/X 74) on 14 February. The guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck with an officer was seen arriving at the Wallern (P 48/X 84) railroad station from the direction of the camp.

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- 25X1A 25X1X 4. between 4 and 15 February, troops with tanks, mortars and light artillery pieces practiced firing with live ammunition in the area of Bruck an der Leitha. The units involved in the firing practice had arrived in Bruck-Neudorf (P 49/X 87) by rail from various military posts in lower Austria during one night and departed again by rail during the subsequent night. (3)

5. In early February, AAA units from Hungary arrived in the area of Wallern on Neusiedl Lake and stayed there for about five days. (4)

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6. Nine tanks were entrained in Bruck an der Leitha for shipment toward Vienna-Simmering on 6 February. Three more tanks belonging to the same group of tanks remained in Bruck. A train with transportable fuel tanks and the pertaining fittings passed through Bruck-Moudorf in mid-February. The train was guarded by soldiers. A special train consisting of 1 railroad car for the guards, 1 private coach and 1 freight car with 2 sedans was seen running on the Baden (O 49/X 37)-Hagyeshalom (P 48/Y 06) line on 27 January. The train was guarded by a military detail.

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☐ Comments.

- (1) The troops and weapons loaded belonged to the 46th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mec. Div. The vehicles observed also belong to this regiment. It is considered very likely that the unit went to the artillery range at Bruck an der Leitha, which is used for firing practice with live ammunition.

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- (3) Short firing cycles with live ammunition, resembling those mentioned in the present report, were held near Bruck an der Leitha in 1951.

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- (4) ☐ refers to the AAA range at Apetlon on Neusiedl Lake.